(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; the facts of the matter and action taken/proposed thereon;

(c) details of additional arrangements made and fresh initiatives taken to give realistic/pragmatic reorientation to revamped PDS in favour of urban and rural poor and tribals;

(d) whether any evaluation of implementation of PDS in Tribal blocks/slum and rural areas have been taken; if so, the results thereof and action taken thereon; and

(e) the details of action taken against those indulging in malpractices of serious nature in PDS during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Public Distribution System (PDS) is the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments. The Central Government arranges for the procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of key essential commodities for the PDS to the State Governments. Operational responsibility for actual distribution of the commodities to the consumers is that of the State Governments. Government of Maharashtra has reported that, based on the findings of an enquiry conducted into the functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) in Dahanu Tahsil, licence of three FPSs have been suspended. FIRs have been lodged against all the fiftyone Fair Price Shopkeepers for various irregularities and disciplinary action taken against officials/officers involved. Government of Maharashtra has reported that the District Supply Officer of Thane District has been transferred and the Tahsildar, Dahanu has been sent on compulsory leave. Government of Maharashtra have further reported that alternate arrangements have been made to reach foodgrains in Dahanu Tahsil.

(c) Central Government has been advising all the State Governments including the Government of Maharashtra to ensure all arrangements for proper stocking and distribution of PDS commodities particularly in areas covered under the Revamped PDS (RPDS). State Governments have been requested to ensure door step delivery of PDS commodities to the FPSs and to constitute FPS level Vigilance Committees of consumers to prevent diversion of PDS Commodities. Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for the purchase of vans/trucks to be used as mobile FPSs or as door step delivery vehicles in the RPDS areas. Central Government also provides financial assistance to State Governments for construction of godowns of upto 2000 M.T. capacity in the RPDS areas.

(d) The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of the Planning Commission has conducted an evaluation of the RPDS. The PEO report states that the RPDS Scheme is generally beneficial to the vulnerable sections of the population cutting across the regions and States. However, the PEO report has revealed some gaps and constraints which need to be taken into account for suitable interventions by the State Governments. The findings of the PEO study have been sent to the State Govts.

(e) Powers under the Essential Commodities Act have been delegated to State Governments for taking action against persons indulging in such malpractices. Details of action taken by State Governments against FPSs are not maintained by the Central Government.

Major Projects in Maharashtra

768. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) The names of the major projects in Maharashtra currently under execution being monitored closely at the apex level;

(b) if so, what is the performance review for 1994-95 (project-wise) in terms of standard norms vis-a-vis targets set;

(c) the details of action taken for slow progress alongwith the effective steps taken during the current years; and

(d) the details of targets set for the major ongoing projects for the current year and achievement reported alongwith performance review upto 30th June, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) As on 1-4-95 there were 19 Central sector projects on the monitor of the DPI with anticipated cost of Rs. 100 crores and above, each under implementation in the State of Maharashtra. These included 6 multi-State projects such as railway lines and power transmission lines passing through the State of Maharashtra. A statement showing details of commissioning schedules, estimated costs and expenditure incurred till March, 1995 is given as Annexure [*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 25]

(b) During 1994-95 11 major projects, including 2 multi-State projects in the State of Maharashtra, were expected to be completed. Out of these, 6 projects were actually completed. These included 5 in the Petroleum & Natural Gas Sector (Bombay High-22 Development, Bombay High-25 Development, L-II Reservoir Development, L-III Infield Development and Neelam Field Development) and 1 in the Telecom Sector (Optical Submarine Fibre Cable).

(c) Of the 19 major projects presently on the monitor of the DPI, 8 projects (at Sl. Nos. 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, & 19) have reported delay with reference to their latest approved commissioning schedules. The projects were delayed earlier due to a variety of factors such as fund constraints, delay in land acquisition and slow progress. As a result of close monitoring, including field visits, these projects are reportedly progressing satisfactorily.

(d) During the year 1995-96, out of the 19 projects 4 (at Sl. Nos. 5, 6, 9 & 17) have already been completed by June, 1995 and 7 more (At Sl. Nos. 2, 3, 10, 12, 15, 18 & 19) are scheduled to be completed by March, 1996.

गुजरात के लिए वार्षिक योजना

769. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 मार्च, 1995 तक किन-किन राज्यों की वार्षिक योजनाओं का अनुमोदन कर दिया गया है; और

(ख) क्या गुजरात की वार्षिक योजना का अनुमोदन कर दिया गया है; यदि हां, तो वार्षिक योजना की धनराशि कितनी है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गमंग): (क) छः राज्यों अर्थात (i)अरूणाचल प्रदेश, (ii)बिहार, (iii)गुजरात, (iv) मणिपुर, (v)महाराष्ट्र तथा (vi)उड़ीसा के अतिरिक्त सभी राज्यों के लिए वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए वार्षिक योजना परिव्ययों को 31 मार्च, 1995 से पहले अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया था।

(ख) जी, हां। 1995-96 के लिए गुजरात के वार्षिक योजना परिव्यय को 2160 करोड़ रुपये पर अंतिम रूप दिया गया था।

Coal Mines in the country

770. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of coal mines exist in the country;

(b) if so, the location thereof States and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether a huge quantum of coal has been extracted from each coal mines during 1994-95;

(d) if so, the details thereof, mine-wise;

(e) whether large number of labourers are working in each mine; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, mine-wise?